Phasing out of Chlorofluoro Carbons

4285. SHRl RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India is obliged to phase out ODCs like the CFCs by January, 2003 under the Montreal Protocol,

(b) whether the CFCs were to be substituted by HFCs for this purpose;

(c) whether the refrigerator industry has made efforts for producing ecofridges;

(d) if so, whether it is adequate enough for reaching the date by 2003; and

(e) the action taken by Government for meeting the deadline in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI) : (a) India is a Party to the Montreal Protocol and is obliged to phase out production and consumption of Chlorofluoro Carbons by January 2010.

(b) Chlorofluorocarbons were to be substituted by Hydrofiuorocarbons, Hydro chlorofluoro Carbons and Hydro Carbons.

(c) to (e) Major munufacturers of domestic refrigerators in India have received financial assistance from the Multilateral Fund for producing refrigerators using eco-friendly substitutes of Ozone Depleting Substances. These projects are in various stages of implementation. The Ministry of Environment & Forests is monitoring the implementation of these projects to enable India to fulfill its commitments under the Montreal Protocol.

Flow of untreated effluents into Yamuna

4286. SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to check the flow of untreated effluents into Yamuna;